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Patrick Leahy On "The Justice System"

by M.L.B.

Tuesday night State's Attorney Patrick Leahy spoke in Alliot Lounge on the "Criminal Justice System". The St. Mike's grad, who is now a vice president of the National District Attorneys' Association, began by giving a recount of the well-known Wayne Carlson escapes and recaptures.

Getting down to specifics, Leahy claimed that the criminal justice system is badly compromised, particularly at the federal level: the FBI and the Justice Department. Claiming that the FBI had reached many high marks, "It became disgraceful, a tool for an administration." There is hope for the FBI under its new director, "He has a low political profile."

The Justice Department began to use wiretapping "for national security without court authority. What is ironic about their use of the wire tap is that because there was no court order, many tapes that could have been used against the 'Mafia' were ruled inadmissable." Claiming that there are some "checks and balances" to protect against the misuse of authority, Leahy cited Judge John Sirica as one of the best examples.

Mr. Leahy commented rather disparagingly on the present state of the Office of Attorney General, noting that within a relatively short space of time that office has been held by five different persons. The holder of this office is, through political tradition, the confidant of the President; and the impression was received that Mr. Leahy feels this service should be maintained to a degree. However, he also stated that the President should be held strictly accountable for decisions concerning appointments to this office.

As an improvement on our present system, Mr. Leahy advocated the addition of another level of bureaucracy. This is found in the creation of the permanent office of Public Prosecutor General. The holder of this office would serve for a term of years, without reappointment, that should span at least two Presidential terms. He could be removed from this office only by impeachment. The basic criteria for the holder of said office would be high moral integrity and his being non-partisan; to serve as a watch-dog for both political parties.

In closing, Mr. Leahy admonished us to watch out for hipocracy in the criminal, or, for that matter, any justice system. As citizens, we are involved and have a very definite investment in them. We should protect that investment.

"When you consider the criminal justice system, look out for hypocricy." Merchants decry shoplifting, but don't do much about mishandling of merchandise by the merchandising departments. "People decry longhair dissidents, yet after a few cocktails drive home potential murderers because of the alcohol."

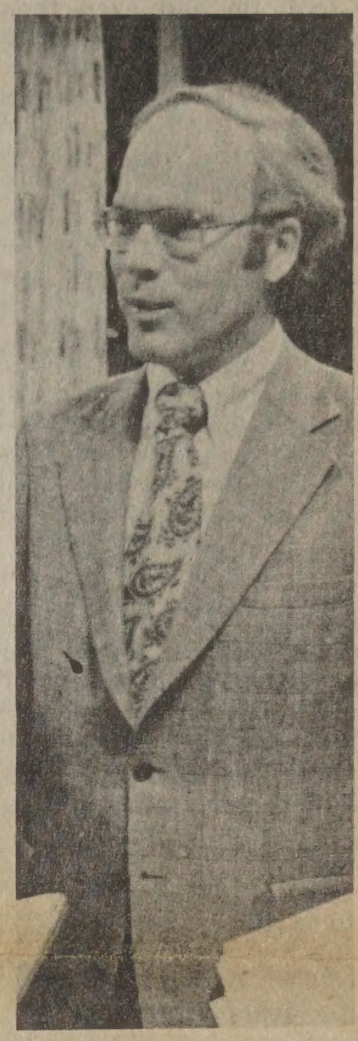
In response to the first question asked, Leahy said that the report of the Vermont Young Lawyers with regards to the legalization of marijuana should be considered because the committee wasn't stacked, "There were both liberals and conservatives on that committee."

Asked about what areas should be given top priority from Washington, Leahy said that he would rank the number one item the securing of legislation to "Require an honest accounting from the oil companies." These accountings would require disclosures of present reserves, exploration plans and similar reports.

When asked how he felt about impeachment of President Nixon, Leahy replied that, "If it can be shown that he (the President) was involved in the original plans, ordering the burglaries, etc. . . . or involved in the coverup — erasures of tapes, then he (the President) should be impeached. If he is guilty of misguided loyalties, then the answer is no." Leahy said that he would like to see the House Judiciary Committee move fast to issue subpoenas to the President, that, "The President has a legal and moral obligation to the country to make available all materials" involved in the investigation. He then said that "Agnew should have gone to prison. When I prosecute young people — some for crimes of necessity — and compare this to Agnew I get sick to my stomach."

As far as Watergate is concerned, Leahy labeled statements approving the Cox firing and the idea of letting the Justice Department take over the prosecution by saying that, "I've never heard such naive statements in my life." He then went on to point out that the Justice Department had lost four Attorney Generals who had left in two years and that one who "carried out the order (to fire Cox) had, as later ruled, acted illegally."

Leahy then proposed establishing a permanent prosecutor similar to the special prosecutor now investigating the Watergate Affair, "Somebody has got to be beyond party politics . . . go in there and root out this type of corruption."



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Fran Laffin Goes A Long Way But It's Only One Way

by Steve McLaughlin

Richie "The Robot" Tarrant was probably the most exciting basketball player St. Michael's fans have ever seen, and future Knight stars will have to go a long way to top his vast catalog of records.

—1964 Shield

Another milestone has been passed in the life of Francis Laffin of Hartford, Conn. It is one among many I am sure but maybe it is just a little bit special because this milestone happens to be a new St. Michael's record. And it must not go unnoticed. I won't let it.

Fran Laffin now holds the record for most career points in the history of St. Michael's Basketball!

And every time another brown basketball drops through those strings for Mr. Laffin it is a new record all over again. Where it will end, I will not venture a guess, but one thing is sure, Franny, you're damn good.

Franny tied the record last Thursday with a 22-point performance against UVMK AT THE Patrick Gymnasium. The next game against AIC Franny seemed to be pressing. Nothing would fall through. Then at 2:14 of the first half Laffin was fouled and walked to the line. After the usual "Fran fidgets" Laffin looked up at the hoop, blessed himself, closed his eyes and threw it up. "Swish". It was good. One point, it's not much of a contribution in a close game, but it was a New Record. And Franny Laffin had another ball for the home trophy case . . . soon to undergo needed expansion.

Well, the AIC game is over and a record has been broken. Time out for a little reflecting. Many may not realize the magnitude of this record. It is the pinnacle of a young career; it is the cumulation of a dream. To play in the town and school that remembers the greats Tony Nicodemo, Dick Falkenbush, Pete Cragan, Walt Baumann, Richie Tarrant, is an honor. To surpass their records is an insurmountable task. But Franny is there among them. He's on a court in the middle of basketball city, Springfield, Mass., the birthplace of the great game. And he's standing at that line the ball is up and. . .

The record is his.

The Michaelman feels it is time Fran got the recognition for this tremendous feat. It is a shame that it has taken over a week for anyone to hail the great achievement. AIC let the game continue, letting the milestone pass. A gross misdeed. But lack of acclaim by Tony Adams is to me an indignant face slat to the Hilltop. Yet who needs him, WWPV had the scoop anyway.

Good Knight and Good Sports.

The Feminist Union will have a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13th in Alliot Hall Faculty Lounge, Room 103 at 4:00 p.m.

The main purpose of this meeting will be to formulate plans and organize committees of women students who wish to participate in the planning of a Women's Symposium to be held on this campus in the later part of the month of April.

We hope you will attend. Please bring paper and pencils or pens to take notes.

Chittenden County Democrats

by Vincent Illuzzi III

At a Saturday afternoon meeting of the Chittenden County Democrats, held at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., the keynote speaker — Governor Thomas P. Salmon, outlined the moves made by his administration in light of the financial and energy crunches hitting the State of Vermont.

Taking a stab at the Nixon administration, Salmon cited several proposals and subsequent outcomes of the Republican attempts to help with the problems of our country. A strong example Salmon used was the various federal health care programs. Salmon said that during Nixon's campaign, the President promised to earmark $35,000,000 for such programs to help the needy citizens of our nation. The Governor said that in fact, "the bills were heavily worded but lightly funded." He said Washington can do a great deal for the nation but limitations exist that cannot be ignored."

Turning his attention to statewide problems, the Democratic Governor said the brunt of the energy crisis . . . is with us all. Salmon said, "the poor peoples' needs in the State of Vermont will not be sacrificed on the altar of fiscal credibility." He went on to outline the priorities made to the legislature by his administration.

Improvements in state aid to education and in human services were cited as two of those priorities.

In specific regards to human services, the state's chief executive introduced the word 'deinstitutionalization' and explained that the concept of human services care should be administered in a setting and form that *helps* in rehabilitation of citizens. Salmon then told of the closing at Weeks School of 2 cottages and the plans of closing a third, the reduction of the inmate population at Windsor State Prison and also at the Vermont State Hospital in Waterbury.

Salmon concluded saying that "priorities have to be reordered to what must be done in Vermont," and in reference to credibility, "one's deeds must match one's words." (Printed with permission of Radio Station WSKI, Montpelier.)

"The Democratic Decisions Conference heard a total of six panels throughout the day-long meeting. Topics discussed were "Public Financing of Elections" which included statements by Prof. E. Kernstock of the SMC Poli Sci Dept., "Human Services", "the Land Use Plan", "the Energy Crisis" moderated by SMC alumni Patrick Leahy, who is the Chittenden County State's Attorney, and D. Casavant, who is a member of the Governor's Energy Advisory Comm. Other panels included "the Tax Posture in Vermont" and "The Housing Crisis."

Editorial

Returning to classes after the semester break, it was shocking to see that in Ryan and Alumni Halls classes were not discontinued. Instead, walls had been built to create more of an impression of classrooms. Rather than discontinuing the use of basements for classrooms, it now is apparent that these "classrooms" are to become permanent.

These "classrooms" do not, as had been hoped, create a living-learning atmosphere. On the contrary, there is an inherent negativism towards going to class in these Halls — classes in a basement? In order to see the outside, you have to look up and even then you can't see anything. Fortunately there isn't enough snow — yet — to block the light from entering the room.

These "classrooms" are too large, the acoustics are terrible; in short, they are drab. Staying awake during a class period in one of these "classrooms" could become (if it hasn't already) extremely difficult.

Why must classes be held in the basement? If the living-learning center is the ideal for which we are looking, the classes could be held in a lounge; if classes in a dormitory are indeed necessary to achieve academic excellence. Granted, innovation is always necessary in education but does this mean that classes be held in the students' living quarters? More often than not, students go to their dorm to get away from academics. Must this last bastion of privacy too fall prey to the chalk, question and answer?

Reschedule classes so that all classes are in suitable locations and use the dorms for their original purpose.

—WDM

Plans are now almost finalized for the renovation of Lyons Hall. Next September, the "Main Campus" will have two dormitories housing men and two housing women. Obviously, this is going to create some problems.

What is to become of those who now live in Lyons Hall? Granted, with a larger female population, there will be a need to house them, but there will also be a large male population.

Based on the experience of the past two years, it seems safe to assume that there will again be a "bed shortage." While it is not possible to know exactly how many students will live on campus next year, it is obvious that approximately 200 students will have to search for living quarters.

What is the answer? Break up the dorm, floors and wings? This is totally unfair. Some of these students have lived together for three years and now they are to be separated? Is this fair? Has anyone investigated the problem thoroughly? Has anyone asked the residents of Lyons Hall how they feel and /or if they have any plans? Probably not. For all their money paid out in room and board, these men should have a definite say in what their fate will be. During last year's plans to renovate Alumni Hall, those who live there were allowed to express their views, and equal time must be given to the residents of Lyons Hall to voice their desires.

—WDM

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to the column in your February 2nd issue by Kit O'Leary entitled "Registration", which detailed the delays and errors encountered in going through registration. I would offer the following observations:

1. Students who have settled their accounts by the requested date already have their 'Permission to Register' card and do not have to see the financial people. Those who are prepared to settle their accounts at the time of registration are handled in a few short minutes.

2. Once this card is obtained, it is just a matter of getting checked off a list upstairs and getting your course printout. True, students who arrive at the beginning of the process may have to stand in line for awhile, but I do not think it is for an unreasonable time. We have improved the speed each registration takes and will no doubt continue to make improvements.

3. The course printout is intended as a service to you, the student, to allow you to verify that you are registered for the courses you wish. Certainly there are some errors, but that's why you get the printout in the first place — so you can correct them. These errors occur for various reasons, but among the most prevalent are illegible handwriting, incorrect I.D. Numbers, incorrect course numbers, incorrect departmental abbreviations, dropping or adding the first semester of a two-semester course and not dropping or adding the second, etc. Of course the computer center makes errors too, but I assure you we make every effort to keep them to a minimum.

With the exception of my remarks about the computer center, I cannot speak in any official capacity. Having myself gone through registrations at two other schools, however, I must say ours seems pretty smooth. This is not to say it couldn't be improved, and I for one would welcome any opinions on how to do so.

Sincerely,
William B. Thompson
Director of Computer Services

To the Editor:

I've just resumed my senior year this semester after an absence of 3 years and was very impressed with your editorial of Feb. 2 concerning the efforts of Tod O'Connor to divert the cap and gown funds into a scholarship fund. Your knock at tradition is not without precedent on this campus. During my sophomore year in 1968 we had a confrontation with one of St. Michael's "Great Traditions." The National Day of Mourning for Martin Luther King had the unfortunate coincidence of being called by the president on the same day as the pre-scheduled "Institutionalized Beer Orgy" — better known as P-Day. Most students were sensitive and compassionate enough to have no difficulty in deciding which event took top priority. However, there were some students who were desperately hostile toward any attempts being made to deprive them of this great "Michaelman" tradition. Their social awareness was practically non-existent and their maturity terribly retarded. It really split the student body up — but it was one of the healthiest things that ever happened on this campus.

U.V.M. was also experiencing its own confrontation with "tradition" — Kakewalk — another one of the great "Party Traditions" — was found to be racist and insulting to the black population. Yet, there was strong opposition to these charges by those whose selfish need for immediate pleasure far outweighed their capacity for long-term satisfaction on a humanistic level.

Fortunately, that tradition has passed from the scene and the student body at U.V.M. is also much healthier for it.

Traditions seem to go on until there is some question as to their ethical validity or importance in light of a more socially aware and humane priority.

It's unfortunate that some students still choose to remain insulated from the opportunities for maturity that unexpectedly confront and challenge us.

Incidentally, if any students are so insecure as to what they've achieved over the past four years and still need a security blanket to throw over their shoulders at the graduation exercises, I have three caps and gowns, all paid for and still in their plastic wrappers, (1 purple, 2 black) which they are more than welcome to have.

Michael Datoli
Class of '74

Dear Sir:

To set the record straight, I firmly believe the importance of honoring Peter "Buck" Healey in a special way come graduation day. I don't care whether I wear a cap and gown on that day and would much prefer that the money be used for a worthier cause.

Equally, I believe that the vote to decide the Peter "Buck" Healey scholarship fund taken among the senior class in October may not reflect the true opinion of the class: more than 40% of seniors did not vote, many who did including myself were admittedly confused, not "deceived" (prior to voting I had to ask the class president to clarify a number of crucial points), and no printed ballots were available.

The vote itself assumes of course that the issue is cut and dry, yes or no. I beg to suggest that a scholarship amounting to $125 per year (from interest on $1500), and that's all it will be, perhaps does NOT deserve to bear the name of Peter "Buck" Healey. A class gift, a substantial piece of equipment for the sports center or library, given in "Buck's" name might well do more to acknowledge his sacrifice.

In closing sign me NO for caps and gowns BUT sign me YES for a second vote, an enlightened vote in which all participate and let the true majority decide. Above all, let us set aside our emotions and vote for what we believe is right.

Sincerely,
Henry R. Desmarais
'74

The Student Fund For Vietnamese Children

Children need arms, legs and healthy bodies — which is reason enough why we, as students, need to do more than simply talk (or forget) about the children who were caught in the middle of the Vietnam War.

Although college campuses have been the setting for great expressions of political, theoretical, and most obviously **verbal** concern about war and human suffering, the time has come for us to express a concern that helps people. Namely, the type of concern that provides the $136 that enables an eight-year-old boy to walk on new legs; the $600 that pays a year's salary to a Vietnamese man who could make those legs; and the $1,000 that would enable a child to be properly fitted with new artificial legs every two years until he reaches adulthood.

The Student Fund for Vietnamese Children is a channel developed by students as a means through which we can express our concern for children without paying for mass mailings, expensive literature and administrative salaries. By relying upon volunteer help and personal contacts, administrative costs are kept low and are being financed by a special fund-raising campaign here in the Yale community. This means that 100% of each contribution goes toward providing help for children who need it.

Furthermore, our expression of concern is being made through the American Friends Service Committee rather than either an ad hoc organization or political channels. By presenting our contributions through the AFSC, arrangements have been made so that we are able to direct our attention toward a specific project — namely the Quang Ngai Rehabilitation Center near Saigon where an ever-increasing number of children are needing treatment for burns, physical therapy, and in many cases, artificial limbs.

While it is easy to forget about people in need, think what would happen if each campus throughout the country did its share in a united effort to help these children. The obvious answer is that our expressions of concern would help many children who don't particularly care what we have **said** but do want to walk.

For this reason, we are asking that you join us by expressing your concern for these children in your own way — whether it be through

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Diggin' In

After spending large amounts of money to illuminate the basketball court-skating rink area out on the sport field a feeble attempt was made and apparently disbanded to flood the rink this past week. Here we have an excellent opportunity for skating and yet it appears that those people in charge of the ground crew appear not to have the least bit of insight or care about developing student athletics.

For instance Poly Hockey starts this week — in the North Campus gym. No care has at all been taken by "whom ever" is in charge of at least making the North Gym semi-usable. The place is caked with dirt, dust and garbage — the nets themselves are torn and ragged. Last year the concern was for not promoting injury — yet the metal pipes remain uncovered and not one board has been put up. No one is even complaining about the *cold* in there — the fact that your feet tend to freeze up in sneakers!

. . . We don't mind the cold gym, the delapidated equipment or the scarcity of equipment; but please, Mr. Markey, clean our floors and cover the pipes (or have more beds in the infirmary). Just try running face first into a set of nice pipes or catching a frozen hockey ball in your teeth . . .

Mr. Markey's solution to the safety problem with the trampoline last semester was to put it in "moth balls" instead of purchasing a safety harness (or else one has to bring fifteen androids with him to watch). A very popular sport, volleyball, wasn't even promoted this year — because no time has been taken to fix the net. Those who reffed football last semester haven't been paid yet, and as of now the poly-hockey referee situation isn't much brighter. The point is obvious — apparently a minimal amount of attention is given to intramural sports at this college. This year there is a full time intramural coach. Now either he is being lackadaisical in his job, or the staff isn't providing enough funds for him to work with. But once again, these problems aren't just monetary, they're simply due to a lack of concern for intramural sports here. A sport program that each student pays for and is entitled to. It just seems that more attention could be paid to intramural sports than is presently given. Everyone knows that the B.ball team is the breadwinner for the college, and well it should be . . . but one can't help notice how the other sport programs suffer. Does one have to be of varsity potential to reap benefits here?

But none of this will have a chance of changing unless interest is shown and gripes are sent to Mr. Markey. The program for girls here in intramurals is at best ludicrous

Supporting the SMC hockey team is being made ridiculously bothersome by the Essex "men in blue". They either are on a power trip or aren't familiar with crowd psychology. The only apparent solution which would also benefit our team would be to flood the arena with vociferous collegians from the swill and make an evening of it. . .

Dear Mr. Buchan, once again this week my twenty-minute wait for the 11:45 bus proved futile. If it is too much to have a bus that brings us to class on time could you please put in a work order for a warming hut outside of Alliot? Thankyou. . .

Have you picked up your copy of the "Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life" yet? Apparently the students here suffer from some serious problems; "hi-fi noise addiction"; "injudicious use of alcoholic beverages"; "youthful exuberance and/or puerile irregularities"; and finally that students are poor ombudsmen for themselves. Well how can they expect us to be good ombudsmen if we suffer from all those problems? It's a guarantee that the nurse will have a pill for each of these devastating problems . . . and finally the ad hoc uncovered a major problem here at the swill: "They (students) are in a double bind of disapproving paternalism and yet wanting it at the same time." Can paternalism be rolled? Remember to look for your next copy of the highly informative ad hoc committee. The *Michaelman* should run it in the "funnies" section. . .

It should be noted that Governor Salmon did indeed eat at Saga and left with a smile — towards the mens room. . .

If Pres. Boutin is "on the line" about the proposed student center, it's an excellent idea and undoubtedly would promote better relations all around for everyone involved. It's hoped that this plan doesn't disappear as so many others seem to. . .

I wish I was a headlight on the northbound train. . .

More To It Than Just B-Ball

by Susan Sullivan

By the time you peruse this **Michaelman**, probably over Saga's delectable brunch, the Girls Varsity Basketball game against Vermont College will be only a statistic. Yet, this game is more than just another event on the Purple Knights' Sports Calendar, it represents the first girls' team that has met with sufficient interest and participation to compete on a varsity level.

The girls' team, though beset by last minute injuries such as sprained ankles and torn cartileges, are well prepared for their next two games, Vermont College on Feb. 7 and UVM on Feb. 13. As of this writing, the starting lineup is Patty Lynch, Lynn Daviau, Sue Polonica, Patty Lulhor and Cheryl O'Donnell. Colleen Keane, Kathy Sweeten, Gayle Gagne, Diane Ripitzky, Maureen Ketchum, Barb Fleming and manager Anne O'Connor comprise the rest of the team.

Coach Sally Watts gave **The Michaelman** some tips on the strategy she will be using against the oppostiion. "We will be using a zone defense rather than man-to-man. The girls have not had enough experience to successfully defend on a man-to-man defense. At practices I stress the fundamentals of the game in order for the team to have a solid foundation to build on." Coach Watts believes that the girls have several strong points to build on. They play together as a team and are very aggressive. She believes that the varsity team has excellent potential and it needs only experience.

The Michaelman interviewed Coach Watts with the intent of finding out more than just the team roster and future schedule; we are curious about how the whole sports program is developing. The idea of girls' sports has been a long time in taking root. This problem cannot be attributed solely to the Athletics Department. As Coach Watts aptly put it, "The only real obstacle in the development of girls' sports programs is their own lack of interest and participation." A few people on campus have asked this reporter if St. Michael's will ever elevate the girls' teams to a status equal with the boys' teams through awarding scholarships to deserving girl athletes, thus attracting them to SMC. At this moment the possibility is exceedingly slim, but then again it is an idea for the woman libbers on campus.

The Michaelman asked Mr. Markey, "what percentage of the Athletic Department's budget is alloted for the development of girls' sports on campus?" To say that his answer was nebulous is an understatement. He commented that money was allotted as each need arose. After learning in various business courses that the budget of each department must be strictly enumerated before it is approved by the administration, his answer is barely credible.

Lyons 302 and 314 (just to mention a few) have expressed their dissatisfaction with the manner in which the gym is being used. The complaint is that between boys' basketball, girls' basketball, and intramural basketball practices the ordinary person on the court for more than 30 minutes before he's being jostled from basket and finally being kicked out.

They suggested that the tennis courts should be removed during certain days during the week. "The tennis courts should be used only during specified hours because they can only accommodate four players at a time, while if the nets were down and the tennis court surface removed from the floor, as many as 12 people could make use of the same space!"

I honestly disagree with their plan for removing the tennis courts because if the wishes of the majority are always granted then the needs of the minority are ignored. However, a solution must be found for the students who feel that the gym is not meeting their needs.

The first step is to visibly post a schedule which lists when the gym is available to all students; when the gym is closed to all students; and when different teams will be holding practices. I believe that this is necessary so that students won't go down to the gym just to be turned away. A greater number of people will then be satisfied with the gym which was, after all, built for the use of **all** students of SMC.

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Knights of Columbus

by Tom Picone

Yes, there is a chapter of the Knights of Columbus on campus, and one from which you will be hearing quite a lot in the coming semester. I might add that we will be covering many areas also.

If you walk over to Alliot Hall right now, you'll be able to watch our first major undertaking in progress. Last night at 8 p.m. a number of men (and women?) began bouncing basketballs in an attempt to last through the gruelling 48-hour Basketball Dribbling Marathon. They will continue bouncing, with only a 3-minute break per hour, until Sunday night, when the SMC-Bentley game begins. There is $100.00 which will be given to (divided between) those who can withstand this 48-hour ordeal. So stop over and give these dribblers your support. Progress reports will be broadcast over WWPV during the entire marathon.

The Adopt-A-Grandparent program which we are sponsoring at the Green Mountain Nursing Home will be back in swing soon. Check the post office bulletin board for further details, but a projected date is this Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 7:00 p.m., provided the movie comes in time.

This next item might involve you, unless you're already bouncing your way towards that prize money. On Sunday, February 10, the Knights are holding a Communion Breakfast after the 11 a.m. Mass. This will be held in the faculty dining room and is open to all members, and all those interested in finding out more about the K of C. So if you're interested in joining or are still uncertain and want to find out more, come Sunday and meet the members. For the members, it might be nice if we had a good turnout at the 11 a.m. Mass also.

On Sunday, February 10, there will be a 10 p.m. Mass, followed by a social hour in Alliot Lounge at 11 p.m.

The Student Senate has provided the funds to set up a system to obtain a ride or rides to ski areas and home. The works will be housed temporarily in Katie Kanepa's office. Colored file cards are provided.

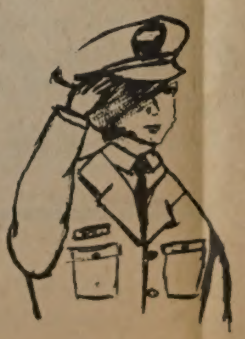
Marching Saints March On

This past weekend the Saint Michael's College Marching Saints Drill Team kept their winning record alive at the Malone, N.Y. Winter Carnival. Our drill team has won first place there for the past eight years in a row. This year there were six groups judged in their category. The hard work and dedication of these Michaelmen proved superior in precision drill.

The drill team consists of students who realize the necessity of good discipline in their academic lives. The team is commanded by Kevin Priest. Mr. Priest has done an excellent job in his first year as commander. His staff consists of Joseph Healy, deputy commander; Louis Botta and John Lima, special training officers. The advisor for the team is Capt. Charles Shane, USAF. The remaining members of the fifteen-man unit are: senior Mark Hannon, juniors Lawrence Girouard, Mr. Priest, Mr. Healy, Mr. Botta, and Mr. Lima. Sophomores, Glenn Pallazza and Daniel Swift; freshmen Thomas Colley, John Daley, John Filippone, Michael Fournier, Tracy Grous, Brian Harrington, Gerald Purcell, Michael Waitte, George Wilkeyson, and James Zitrick.

The Saints next competition is the Manhattan Invitational Drill Meet, March 16. Last year three first-place trophies were brought back to the Hilltop and the Northeastern championship.

We would like to congratulate the drill team on its victory and wish them success in the future.



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Senate Minutes

St. Michael's College Student Senate (located between the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain, just north of Burlington, Vermont). On a cold winter's night while the frost was nipping away at the angelic campus, many Michaelmen ventured out into the disheartning cold to attend a most enlightening Senate meeting; better known as the gathering of the minds. And the first session of the Student Senate for the spring semester was rallied at 6:20 p.m. on February 4, 1974, by President Keith MacDonald. Vice-President Sam Iorio took the roll call and found Mr. Aspero, Foster, Brignola, Parseghian, Valaskatgis and St. Amand absent. A correction was established by Secretary Claire Winslow and the minutes were passed.

Committee Reports: Social Committee — Dan McNeal announced that this semester will include a movie a week, that Alfred E. will handle the advertising and added he thinks this will help the turnout. Also, help is needed in showing the movies. Anyone interested should contact Dan. "Bullitt" will be shown this Thursday, times posted on the bulletin board in Alliot. Coffee houses are in full swing again with the aid of a cord of wood for the fireplace and upstairs Klein. Help in obtaining entertainment is needed. There will be a ski bus this Friday night to Bolton Valley. Cost will be $5 ($2 transportation and $3 for the lift). The number who sign up will determine if it goes into effect as well as weather conditions. Also, a Bi-Monthly Calendar is being published this semester. Lastly, February 5th at 7:30 in Alliot Lounge, Patrick Leahy, State's Attorney will speak on the justice system. Accepted with pleasure.

Development Drive — By way of Keith MacDonald, Tim Murray submitted his report as follows: 1) Mugs — information sheets with order form will be distributed to each mail box hopefully by Saturday. On each sheet will be order form which will be given to house president or his/her designee. Who will submit them to me in a list form on Feb. 28. Cost will be $5.50 due to small increase in cost. Off-campus people will send order direct to me - Hamel 128. Deposit on each order is $1.00, payable before Feb. 28. 2) Raffle — hope to announce within two weeks a raffle of two tickets to a Montreal Canadiens game. Will include hotel accommodations, weekend for two. Will have final report at the next meeting. Passed.

Athletic Committee — A & B League basketball and poly hockey starts next Monday night; games at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. A-League basketball begins Feb. 17; games at 6 and 7 p.m. Bumper stickers encouraging Knight spirit will be sold for 75¢ in order to support the yearbook. Passed.

Welfare and General Services Committee — Claire acknowledged Bill Crocco's report which stated: The plan for extended library hours, which I submitted in May of 1973 was finally accepted during the Christmas vacation. The time schedule now employed at the library is the same set of times I asked for except for the Friday closing time which is 5 p.m. I had originally asked for an 11 p.m. closing time. The schedule is as follows — Sunday: 1 p.m. - 1 a.m.; Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The schedule will not change but it is the library's option to change its hours due to poor student response if they feel it's necessary. Accepted.

Keith affirmed future meetings will be held in Alliot 212 on Feb. 12, 26, March 6, 26, and April 2, 1974. Elections will be held on March 26 with the farewell session of this year's executive board on April 2.

Old Business — The S.A. bulletin board has finally arrived; is hanging outside the Dean's Office; cost $105 and will contain minutes and social notes, etc.

New Business — Since the Capasso Commission instituted a vote of confidence concerning the executive board within the new Constitution and By-Laws, such was carried out and am pleased to add that each were successful. Approved.

A letter from President Boutin was acknowledged asking for four students to be added to the Committee on Student Life which was recently formulated.

Keith read and explained the proposal for Klein Student Center. Paul Carr, Treasurer, motioned it be passed and Tod O'Connor seconded it. Discussion was held on the proposal. Skepticism was expressed on taking out another loan and financial security was asserted considering the $5 per student increase in S.A. funding commencing next year. The question was moved and passed adding the loan cannot exceed $25,000 over an eight-year period and the center is to be designed by students; profits if realizable are to be put toward payments on the loan. Keith added that President Boutin will be approached this week with the proposal.

Tod O'Connor, Senior Class President, remarked on the three home games next week, namely: Bentley, UVM, and Assumption, and asks for total school spirit. He motioned that each house provide a poster or sheet expressing enthusiasm to be placed throughout the campus and on the school bus. Seconded and Accepted.

Jim Dangler asked why the committee chairmen were not attending meetings and asked for additional cooperation on their part.

Senate Commentary and Announcements — The Knights of Columbus will hold a Dribbling Marathon Friday at 8 p.m. through Sunday at 8 p.m., depending on survivors of the duration. Registration will be held this week during dinner in front of the cafeteria. A fee of $5 will be required with the winner receiving $100.

An exceptionally civilized meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. It must have been the cold!

Respectfully yours,

Claire Winslow
Secretary

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a contribution by the Student Government; a fund-raising drive; or through some other channel that is available on your campus. In order to be able to help others by providing ideas, etc. it would be helpful if you could let us know how concern for children is being expressed on your campus as soon as possible.

All contributions should be made out to the American Friends Service Committee (in this way they are tax deductible) and sent to: The Student Fund for Vietnamese Children, Box 55, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

Although we can't afford collect calls, someone will be at a phone if you would like to call direct, 10-5 p.m. E.S.T., 203/436-3043.

The $1.29 -a-slice Heartburn or The Piazza Special

by Charles Long

As most students know, at least us socially conscientious types, there has been somewhat of an uproar recently over the issue of a scholarship fund. There have been some pros and cons batted around as is usually the case with pertinent issues.

The most recent of these yays and nays have come from our illustrious editor-in-chief, William D. Moore, otherwise known as WDM, and from Thomas Piazza, whose claim to fame reses in his shouldering the burden of cadet Lt. Col. of our ROTC. Sir William took the good and Thomas took the bad. Mr. Moore's comments came in the form of an editorial in the campus newspaper. Lt. Col. Tom's thoughts erupted in the form of a mimeographed, detailed analysis, which, I am surprised to note, is farther off the mark than Dick Radatz used to be from home plate after his shoulder injury.

Starting at the top of Tom's tirade, he formed the basis of his complaint on three counts: 1) principle, 2) vagueness, and 3) unwillingness to compromise. After thoroughly reading his facts and figures, I came up with two opinions. First, Tom-a-rino can, after sixteen years of school, count to three, and second, there must be a page missing from my Piazza Special. I can't find many relating to principles on my two pages. If it is contained in the first three paragraphs, then our Dan Webster's aren't the same people. Once money is paid to St. Michael's College, it isn't your personal money any more. If it was, the damage deposits of all our future first citizens would be non-existent. Also, twenty-five seniors out of two-fifty is hardly anything to base a fact on.

The second objection based on vagueness is precisely right. It is one of the vaguer objections I've come across. It is also full of a lot of no-no's. For one thing, we went from 25 to 50 seniors in one paragraph. Fastest recruiting program I know of. Also, the type of scholarship established should be considered trivial in the face of more profound issues. Whether a prospective student is given a lump sum or the interest accrued from said lump sum Don Matta, Boss. But it wasn't meant for several students, as mentioned in the Piazza menu. Only for one, but maybe that was a typographical error. Who can say?

But, claims Tom, "I'm personally not against this plan, only that it wasn't made known to me at the time I voted." Listen, Tommy, I'll be running for President of the U.S. next week, but don't tell anybody. If everybody voted like that, I'd win with a landslide.

Also, if our budding debater had read Tod's letter, he would have noted the fee of $6.00 would be supplemented by a few dollars from our graduation fee. But point four is the one that I really had to read slower the second time. Point four reads, "It wasn't until after the seniors voted that it was discovered that either all seniors will or will not wear the garment." They were just cartooning you, Tom. Actually, my sources tell me it will be every tenth senior who will be wearing nothing at all.

The letter sits in front of me now and, Gee Whiz, Tom, it looks to me like a letter of proposition. You took as an ultimatum. I think you have your priorities backwards. The cap and gown is so important to you now that by the time I finished reading your nice-try, I had you figured to be foaming at the mouth. Nobody wants to take your property away from you. If it's coming down to that, you and the fifty seniors you claim as disciples can have your cap and gown bronzed and mounted for home display. We could even have it sent to a grad school for you in place of your transcript.

The purpose of this whole schmeer as explained to me by Tod O'Connor is "to sacrifice the cap and gown fee in order to establish a scholarship in the name of Peter "Buck" Healy. There is no need for a compromise because it would go against the will of the majority of the class." And isn't that the American way?

I get a vague feeling that Tom is fighting city hall. Or maybe he doesn't like Buck Healy. Or maybe he doesn't have anything to wear. Whatever his reasons are besides his emotional attachment to the cap and gown, the majority is inclined to like the idea and everywhere you go in the world, majorities have the distinct tendency to rule one way or the other. Minorities are supposed to be good losers. As so aptly put by our El Presidente, "For one to give up so much as Buck has, the least we as a whole class can do is to five up two hours of six dollars worth of cap and gown."

Be a good sport, Tom.

Foul Out. . .

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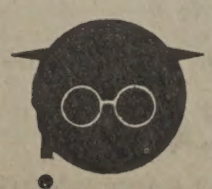

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From The Bench

by Larry Halloran

Starting Sunday night, SMC will go into their toughest week of basketball competition yet this year. Sunday will place the Knights against current New England (Division I) front-runners Bentley College. Bentley has credited their statistics with a victory over perennial powerhouse Assumption, who travels to Ross Sports Center the following Saturday. On Wednesday of this week, UVM will come across town to avenge their 83-76 loss to the Knights last week. So, needless to say, their work is cut out for them if Evansville is to be a reality. Our chances for that goal will be greatly enhanced if we have considerably large crowds, especially at Assumption. The reason for this being, the chairman of the selection committee for the New England regional playing courts is the athletic director of Assumption College. If this man sees that there is a sizeable crowd, there is also a chance to make money for the NCAA so St. Mike's might possibly have a home court advantage at the playoffs.

Not to be repetitive, but conduct is of the essence. Particularly because last year at Hartford, during the first regional playoff, there were bottle and can throwing incidents and other various violent outbreaks. Now, there is little likelihood there will ever be a playoff game in Hartford. Therefore, student support and cooperation can serve a two-fold purpose: motivation for our team during their most difficult week and to achieve our objective of procuring a home court for the playoffs.

Intramural hoop is in full swing with some pretty exciting matches upcoming. So far Gamma House (4-0) is the first-place team and looks like the team to beat. They're followed by defending champs Epsilon House (3-0), Xi House (4-1) and surprise team NU House (3-1). Leading scorers are: John "Rookie" Condon of Omega House (77 pts., 19.3 avg.); John "Whitey" Whalen from the "off campus" house (38 pts., 19 avg.); Gino Capello of Delta House (33 pts., 16.5 avg.) and Vince McMahon of Bosworth (63 pts., 15.8 avg.). While on intramurals, viewers are still raving over that spectacular rebound John Russell (Epsilon House) hauled in during one of last week's games. Too bad he lost the ball when he landed flat on his back. Nonetheless, it was still a fine display of basketball prowess.

Next week sometime between the Bentley and Assumption games, the Social Committee of the SA is sponsoring a one-on-one basketball elimination contest. There is no entry fee and the winner will receive a trophy for his efforts. The rules are the same as those that were in effect during the professional tournament on television sponsored by Vitalis. Sorry, but rumor has it there will be no female contestants.

Two SMC Boxers Advance Toward Finals

by Larry Halloran

Last Tuesday night at the Burlington Memorial Auditorium, St. Michael's boxing competed in the Vermont Golden Gloves Tournament (AAU Sanctioned) against seven teams from various counties in Vermont. This climaxed rugged workouts that stretched five nights a week since November. For the last month, training had been quite extensive due to the nearness of fight time.

In the light-heavyweight class, Stu Mcquirk lost a close decision in St. Mike's first bout. His opponent was a member of the Barre boxing club, and will go on to face another SMC light-heavy, Kevin Cassen, next Tuesday. It was Stu's first loss and now he's out of competition for the Golden Gloves. Boxing fans can look forward to two more years with the hard-punching sophomore.

Kevin Cassen, another promising sophomore, literally destroyed his opponent from Franklin County. The fight was called at the end of two rounds, following a barrage of combination punches that had Cassen chasing his foe around the ring. So, Kevin, following his TKO victory, will face Barre's representative next Tuesday in the finals.

Also next Tuesday, John Parks (heavyweight) will face a 250-pound hulk from Brattleboro. Parks will be giving up 60 pounds, but according to coach Frank Bryan, John "will kick the hell out of him." This is also for the championship. So Cassen, who coach Bryan says, "is out for revenge and will punish his man," joins Parks as SMC's hopefuls for their respective weight-class crowns.

The boxers are coached by, along with "Doc" Bryan, Mike Armstrong, who both shared Outstanding Coach Awards last year. They counsel 20 members of the club (President is Frank Campbell) and Bryan points out that "tournament participation is not a necessity to join the club. Anyone who wants to spar or keep in shape is welcome to participate." Also aiding in coaching is former champ Tom Thaler, who chose not to participate this year in order to spend more time with his studies.

Coach Bryan also pointed out that, "We're a club sport, struggling along financially and we certainly appreciate the student support thus far. Last night we had the best crowd of all there. There's also the chance for an intercollegiate meet with Norwich, so if the enthusiasm continues, the future looks very bright."

The Week That Will Be Foul Out

by Steve McLaughlin

by Kevin Dalton

Well, I just got back from Bob-O-Lees, where I had a few quick ones with Dick, Gail and Cheryl, and listened to the Knights up their record to 14-4. Now, here's how its been since our last issue.

A fired-up St. Michael's basketball team went into the UVM game gunning and running. It was definitely a great game to watch. Our team was more than eager to get at the Catamounts and our fans were at their best. (Yes, George, you were tough.) The game started off fast with both teams doing a lot of shooting. Knights had everything pretty much under control. With Gene Czynski and Fran Laffin on the bench with foul trouble, Bob Hall and Jim Kutney came in to take charge and they both performed superbly. Ken Johnson played some good ball but was also in foul trouble. At about the end of the third quarter Fran Laffin evened a record here at St. Mike's. Frannie had 22 points this game and the 22nd tied Richie Tarren's all-time high of 1762 points. He later broke it in the AIC game and it was witnessed by his parents. St. Mike's outlasted UVM's aggressiveness and poor sportsmanship. The final score was 83-76. During the game I heard a rumor that Peter Salzburg of UVM wanted to drop SMC from their schedule. When I checked it out with Mr. Markey, he informed me that the rumor was totally false. I then said jokingly, that maybe we should drop them from our schedule. Think about that one. . .

From here we go to AIC where SMC won handily, 88-79. Ken Johnson played a fabulous game and it's good to see No. 3 improving greatly every game. Bob Hall and Gene Czynski played respectively in offense and defense. Buzzer Shot Lanchantin also was at his usual great par. Then tonight SMC barely beat Springfield College, 80-77. Turnover and mental mistakes killed us tonight for a while. We had to come from 12 in the first half and again had to struggle at the end.

Gene Czynski sank in two foul shots with only seconds remaining on the clock to give the Knights a more comfortable lead and they went on to a good but tough victory. Johnson and Lanchantin did well and it seems that both those two must play well next week.

We all know what next week is all about. It's THE WEEK OF 1974. You know it and you know what we have to do. All of us have to pack the gym Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday. The big three are coming and if we beat Bentley, UVM and Assumption, we're not going to be Number 3, nor will be No. 2; but be No. 1 in Division II in New England. Wouldn't it be great to have the regional playoffs right here in the Ross Sports Center? Well, if we can pack that gym and be louder and wilder than ever, there's a damn good chance that we'll be the hosts for 1974. These are tough games and the team has to be at its best in order to win. We're capable of being great and we will be great. So, everyone be there and as George says, "be tough."

If hockey games lasted only 23 minutes. . .

St. Michael's hockey team played Plattsburgh State this past week and outhustled the team from across the lake for a little over a period. And they were tied 1-1.

Then the roof fell in, as Plattsburgh scored 9 unanswered goals and ended up with a lopsided 10-1 victory.

Perhaps it would be better to say our legs gave out rather than the roof fell in, for it became obvious to anyone brave enough to face the cold last Friday night to come to the Essex Arena that after the initial minutes of the second period the Knights could no longer skate with the team from Plattsburgh. And from then on, Plattsburgh overpowered us and dominated the game.

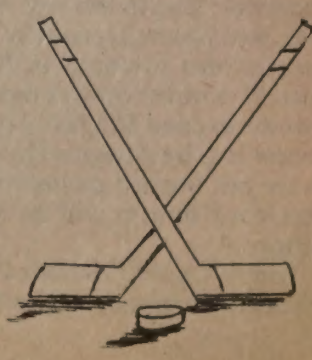
The first period was anything but an indicator for the rest of the game. It was fast, exciting and fairly even in play. With just a little over 12 minutes gone, Longshore scored for Plattsburgh. Terry Leddy came back to tie it up for the Knights at 18:37 when he took a pass from Mike Ryan and slapped it by the outstretched pad of Plattsburgh goalie, Wilber. And so the first period ended tied 1-1. Plattsburgh held the edge in shots, 10-8, but St. Michael's took the penalty time, 12 minutes to 6.

In the second period St. Mike's came out flying, getting the first six shots on net before Plattsburgh could claw their zone, but once they did it was all over — Band! . . . they scored — and scored — and scored.

St. Michael's major downfall was that they stopped skating. They were no longer able to keep up with their quick-moving opponents. Plattsburgh has its own arena, though, and practices every day. St. Michael's has no facilities, and practices only twice a week. What the Michaelmen lacked in preparation, they made up for with sheer guts and hard work. But sometimes that is not enough. But for twenty-three minutes there was a hope.

Well, maybe so far I've been a little too nice. For when you lose 10-1 the fault must lie within your game plan also. This contest was booked as a revenge match on many of the posters around the campus and there was talk of it in the locker room. There was a desire to erase the memories of the 2-1 loss at Plattsburgh earlier in the year. It had been one of those games where the home town ref sees none of the favorites' infractions, but catches all of yours. And a few of our players had been treated rudely by the crowd. There was no doubt the team wanted revenge. And some let it get to them. Emotions got a little high. Frustration set in when they fell behind. And then it began. One foolish penalty after another. Twelve, as a matter of fact. It is difficult when you're a man short. And there were a couple of foolish fights, which may have relieved some inner tensions, but did little to effect the final outcome of the game.

Yes, Plattsburgh deserved a thrashing, but in hockey it comes in the form of goals, not penalty minutes.



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